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SUMMARY:

WE WELCOME VISIT OF SECRETARY KREPS AND APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE EARLY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HER SCHEDULE, WITHOUT OF COURSE HAVING CONSULTED SOVIETS. WHILE APRIL 15-19 PERIOD UNFORTUNATELY PRECLUDES HER ATTENDANCE AT STANKI II, SECRETARY KREPS COULD OPEN USCO SEMINAR/EXHIBIT ON LAND RECLAMATION. SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS HOWEVER, THAT SHE PLAN TO GO FIRST TO LENINGRAD AND THEN ARRIVE MOSCOW ON APRIL 17 SO AS TO HAVE BETTER PART OF THREE WORKING DAYS TO COVER THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS, AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE PRESS.
END SUMMARY.

1. WE WELCOME INVITATION PROVIDED IN REF A TO EXPRESS PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL VIEWS ON SECRETARY KREPS' VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, INCLUDING THE TENTATIVE ITINERARY SET FORTH IN THAT MESSAGE. OUR VIEWS ARE, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR TOON'S CONCURRENCE, AND AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECRETARY KREPS DURING THEIR DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL BE COMMENTING ON PROPOSAL OF US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL THAT IT HOST A RECEPTION FOR MRS. KREPS WHILE SHE IS IN THE USSR (REF B). CONGEN LENINGRAD MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THAT PORTION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. WE REGRET THAT SECRETARY KREPS' SCHEDULE APPEARS TO PRECLUDE HER COMING TO ATTEND STANKI II, WHICH WOULD BE IDEAL FRAMEWORK FOR HER VISIT, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT CONFLICTING OBLIGATIONS MAY LIMIT HER TIME. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE HOSTING SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT IN US COMMERCIAL OFFICE, APRIL 17-21, ON "LAND RECLAMATION EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY," WHICH WE WOULD HOPE SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OPEN. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SAY WITHOUT CONTACTING SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) WHETHER PATOLICHEV WILL BE FREE ON THE DATES SUGGESTED. WE ARE, AT LEAST, AWARE OF NO OBVIOUS SCHEDULE CONFLICTS.

3. WE NOTE THAT SECRETARY PLANS TO COME TO MOSCOW DIRECTLY FROM BERLIN. ASSUMING, AS WE DO, THAT HER COMMITMENT ON APRIL 13 IS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF THE CITY, WE INVITE ATTENTION TO FACT - IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN GIVEN - THAT FLIGHT FROM BERLIN TO MOSCOW WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE EXIT VIA ONE OF THE BERLIN CORRIDORS AND THEN AROUND THE FRG ALONG A STANDARD AIR ROUTE (SOVIET CREW WOULD BE BROUGHT ON BOARD AT SOME POINT). WHILE SOVIETS MAY NOT BE PLEASED TO HAVE SECRETARY KREPS ARRIVE FROM BERLIN, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY DISTURBED TO SUGGEST ANOTHER DATE ON THAT GROUND ALONE.

4. ITINERARY SET FORTH IN REF A POSES SOME PROBLEMS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERMS OF MAKING THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF LIMITED TIME WHICH SECRETARY KREPS WILL HAVE IN USSR. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF HER TIME IN MOSCOW WOULD FALL ON THE WEEKEND, WHEN HER ACTIVITIES WOULD MOST LIKELY BE CONFINED TO SIGHT-SEEING AND CULTURAL EVENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT TO COMPRESS ALL THE ACTIVITIES FORESEEN IN PARA 4. OF REF A WOULD BE A VERY TAXING WORK PROGRAM FOR ONLY MONDAY AND PART OF TUESDAY. FOR THIS REASON, UNLESS THE SECRETARY IS WILLING TO DROP LENINGRAD FROM HER SCHEDULE IN THE USSR, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SHE REVERSE THE POSITION OF THE TWO CITIES AND GO FIRST TO LENINGRAD. HER ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW COULD THEN BE ON MONDAY MORNING, AND PERMIT HER TO SPEND THE BETTER PART OF THREE WORKING DAYS IN THE CAPITAL CITY.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT EACH OF THE SIX OFFICIALS CALLS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL WOULD BE INTERESTING, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT OF COURSE GUARANTEE THE AVAILABILITY OF ALL THE PERSONALITIES MENTIONED. IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN POSSIBLE U.S. BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN SOVIET ENERGY PROJECTS, SHE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER MEETING WITH MINISTERS OF GAS AND OIL INDUSTRIES, AS WELL. (IDEALLY, IF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES

PERMITTED, WE ARE SURE THAT LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY
WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF SECRETARY KREPS WOULD HAVE BREAKFAST
OR LUNCH WITH THEM IN USCO, BUT FACILITIES WILL BE IN USE FOR
SEMINAR/EXHIBIT. PERHAPS ANOTHER VENUE COULD BE FOUND.)

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6. WITHOUT, OF COURSE, HAVING CONSULTED ANY SOVIET
OFFICIALS, WHO WILL HAVE THEIR OWN VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
AND WHO WILL BE DOING THE ACTUAL ARRANGING, WE WOULD
RECOMMEND FOR SECRETARY KREPS' CONSIDERATION THE
FOLLOWING ROUGH AND HIGHLY TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF A
SCHEDULE FOR HER VISIT TO THE USSR:

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 - ARRIVE LENINGRAD FROM BERLIN VIA USG
AIRCRAFT - ATTEND RECEPTION HOSTED BY SOVIETS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 A SIGHT-SEEING IN LENINGRAD AND ENVIRONS.
(DOES SECRETARY KREPS HAVE PARTICULAR INTERESTS FOR CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES IN LENINGRAD?)
POSSIBLE RETURN FUNCTION AT US RESIDENCE.

MONDAY, APRIL 17 - MORNING: - ARRIVE MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD
VIA USG AIRCRAFT. BRIEFING AT EMBASSY BY AMB TOON AND COUNTRY
TEAM. CALL ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV. LUNCHEON
BY MINISTER PATOLICHEV FOR SECRETARY KREPS.

-*534,99,: - CALL ON DEPUTY PREMIER KIRILLIN (OR DEPUTY
PREMIER NOVIKOV.) -ATTEND OPENING RECEPTION FOR SEMINAR/mini-
EXHIBIT ON LAND RECLAMATION EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY IN USCO.

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EVENING: - RECEPTION/ OR CULTURAL EVENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: MORNING: - OPEN SEMINAR/MINI EXHIBIT AT USCO (UP TO 100 SOVIETS WILL BE PRESENT). - CALL ON NOVKOV (OR KIRILLIN) -CALL ON STATE BANK DIRECTOR ALKHIMOV

AFTERNOON: - LUNCH HOSTED BY US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL
- CALL ON GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN BAYBAKOV

EVENING: - ATTENDANCE AT SOVIET CULTURAL EVENT (WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING HER SPECIAL INTERESTS)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: MORNING: - CALL ON MINISTERS GUZHENKO, ORUDZHEV (GAS) AND/OR MAL'TSEV (OIL)

AFTERNOON: LUNCH - PRESS CONFERENCE BY MRS. KREPS AT USCO OR EMBASSY SNACK BAR. - DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON VIA USG AIRPLANE. (WE ASSUME SECRETARY KREPS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR TOON THE SCHEDULING OF US SPONSORED RECEPTIONS DURING THE VISIT.

7. IF SECRETARY KREPS NEVERTHELESS PREFERS TO BEGIN VISIT IN MOSCOW AND PROCEED TO LENINGRAD AS PER REF A, WE BELIEVE THAT HER ACTIVITIES IN MOSCOW WILL NECESSARILY BE MORE RESTRICTED. IN THAT CASE UNLESS THERE IS A SOVIET RECEPTION IN HER HONOR, WE MIGHT THINK OF A SATURDAY NIGHT RECEPTION FOR THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE PRESS, SIGHTSEEING ON SUNDAY (WE WOULD WELCOME THE SECRETARY'S PARTICULAR WISHES IN THIS RESPECT), MEETINGS WITH PATOLICHEV, KRILLIN AND NOVIKOV ON MONDAY AND A CALL ON ALKHIMOV ON TUESDAY MORNING. SHE COULD ATTEND USCO RECEPTION LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON AND/OR OPEN SEMINAR/EXHIBIT ON TUESDAY MORNING. THIS SCHEDULE WOULD LEAVE ROOM FOR ONE DINNER AND TWO LUNCHEONS. USCO TOUR COULD BE ARRANGED AT ANY OPEN POINT IN THE
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SCHEDULE. PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY BEST BE SCHEDULED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR LENINGRAD.
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